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AVERAGE AGRICULTURAL YIELD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the official assessment the average agricultural yield in respect of wheat, paddy, sugarcane, oilseeds, pulses and cotton in the country during the year 2001 has been less than that of the year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the average crop yield details of the said crops during the said years;

(c) whether less yield adversely affects production cost; and

(d) if so, the assessment of the Government in this regard alongwith the details of the economic incentives given to the farmers in the event of rise in production cost?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The average yield rates of wheat, paddy, sugarcane, oilseeds, pulses and cotton were lower during 2000-01 compared to those during 1999-2000. The details are given in Table I below:

Table I

(Kg/Hect.)

Crops	1999-2000	2000-01
Wheat	2778	2743
Paddy	2978	2871
Sugarcane	70935	69636
Oilseeds	853	791
Pulses	635	533
Cotton	225	191

+ Includes groundnut, castorseed, nigerseed, sesamum, rapeseed &mustard, linseed, safflower, sunflower and soyabean.

(c): Yes, Sir, provided cost of cultivation remains the same.

(d): Data of effect of actual decline in yield, in the year 2000-01, on cost of production has not been processed so far. However, major agricultural commodities, including the commodities mentioned in Table I above, are covered under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme. Cost of production is an important variable that is taken into account while finalizing MSP for the specified agricultural commodities, so as to ensure remunerative prices to farmers for their produce.